

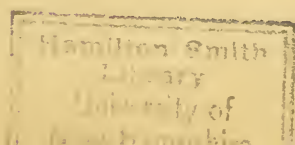
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ANNUAL

REPORTS

Of the Officers of the Town of
BENTON, N. H.

**For The Year Ending
January 31, 1944**



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Of The Officers Of The
Town of Benton, New Hampshire
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BENTON TOWN OFFICERS

MODERATOR

Ira E. Elliott

TOWN CLERK

Floyd J. Hutchins

SELECTMEN

George Crowe, Alfred Mardin (A) Charles H. Tyler
Term expires '44, Term expires '44 Term expires '46

HIGHWAY AGENT, Joseph Boutin, Jr.

TREASURER

Margaret E. Elliott

TAX COLLECTOR

Ira E. Elliott

SUPERVISORS OF CHECKLIST

Ethel A. Boutin, Napoleon Burke, Chester Elliott

SURVEYOR OF WOOD AND LUMBER

Floyd J. Hutchins

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Mildred A. Elliott, Laura Noxon, Frances Mardin

FENCE VIEWER, Arthur Delaney

CONSTABLE,

Ira E. Elliott

SCHOOL BOARD

Ethel A. Boutin, Floyd J. Hutchins, Alexzina Boutin

TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS

Floyd Hutchins, Ch., Napoleon Burke, Arthur Delaney

SEXTONS

Ira E. Elliott

William Prue,

Mt. View and East

South Benton

AUDITOR, Ethel A. Boutin

BALLOT CLERKS

Thelma Boutin, Joseph Boutin, Jr., Mildred Elliott

and William Crowe

LIBRARIAN, Margaret E. Elliott

HEALTH OFFICER

John Boutin

OVERSEER OF POOR

Ethel A. Boutin

POUND KEEPER

William Crowe

Alfred Mardin was appointed Selectman to fill vacancy of John Elliott, resigned. Ira Elliott succeeded the late Charles C. Tyler in the care of our cemeteries.

Town Meeting Warrant

The State of New Hampshire

To the inhabitants of the Town of Benton qualified to vote in Town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Benton Community Building in said Benton on the second Tuesday of March next, (March 14th) at ten o'clock in the forenoon until four o'clock in the afternoon, to act upon the following subjects:

Article 1. To choose a Town Clerk, one Selectman for three years, (George Crowe being the outgoing member), one Selectman for one year, (Albert Mardin being the outgoing member), one Highway Agent, one Tax Collector, one Town Treasurer, one Auditor, one Trustee of Trust Funds for three years, one Library Trustee for three years, and all other necessary Town Officers and Agents for the ensuing year.

Article 2. To hear the Reports of Officers and Agents heretofore chosen and pass any vote relating thereto.

Article 3. To see how much money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Town Officers' salaries and expenses, for the repair and maintenance and construction of highways and bridges, for the observance of Memorial Day and for all other Town charges and expenses for the ensuing year.

Article 4. To see what action the Town will take in regard to how Memorial Day will be observed.

Article 5. To see what action the Town will take to authorize the Selectmen to borrow money in anticipation of Taxes.

Article 6. To see what action the Town will take in regard to keeping Town Highways open for motor vehicle traffic for the winter season including snow removal and sanding and make the necessary appropriation of the same.

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to dispense with delivery of inventory blanks until April 1st.

Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to sell property taken by tax deeds, for taxes.

Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to buy snow fences for places needed on their Town roads and to vote to raise such sums of money as may be necessary for that purpose.

Article 10. To see what rate the Town will vote to pay per hour for its snow plowing and sanding for man and truck.

Article 11. To have the Town receive a bid for three cords of wood, for the Town's share for the Community building, to be delivered.

Article 12. The polls will be open from 10 a. m. to 4 p. m. for voting for Delegates-at-large.

Article 13. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands and seal this 14th day of February, A. D., 1944.

ALFRED U. MARDIN

C. H. TYLER

Selectmen of Benton.

A TRUE COPY ATTEST

ALFRED U. MARDIN,

C. H. TYLER

BUDGET OF TOWN OF BENTON, N. H.

Estimate of Revenue and Expenditures for the
ensuing year, Feb. 1st, 1944 to Feb. 1st, 1945

Compared with

Actual Revenue and Expenditures of the Previous
year, Feb. 1st, 1943 to Feb. 1st, 1944.

Sources of Revenue	actual 1943	est'm'd 1944
FROM STATE		
Interest and Dividend Tax	\$13.76	\$ 13.00
Railroad Tax	12.27	12.00
Savings Bank Tax	6.62	6.00
Bounties	46.40	46.40
FROM LOCAL SOURCES EXCEPT TAXES:		
Interest and Costs Included	45.92	40.00
Auto Permits	108.19	100.00
FROM LOCAL TAXES OTHER THAN PROPERTY TAXES:		
Poll Taxes (1943)	106.20	100.00
Dog Taxes (1943)	62.00	50.00
Income, Forest Reserve, (1942)	288.96	250.00
Income, House Bill No. 65, (Est.)	761.41	700.00
Income, Trust Funds	117.05	110.00
Tax Sales Redeemed	33.82	50.00
TOTAL REVENUES FROM ALL SOURCES		
EXCEPT PROPERTY TAXES		\$1,477.40
Amount to be raised by Property Taxes.		3,307.60
TOTAL REVENUES		
		\$ 4,785.00

Purpose of Expenditures**Current Maintenance Expenses:**

	actual 1943	est'm'd 1944
GENERAL GOVERNMENT:		
Town Officers' Salaries	\$341.10	\$375.00
Town Officers' Expenses	231.95	235.00
Election and Registration	38.00	170.00
Care and Supplies Community		
Building	88.00	170.00
PROTECTION OF PERSONS & PROPERTY:		
Police Department	5.00	5.00
Bounties	46.40	
HEALTH:		
Health Department	5.00	5.00
Vital Statistics	4.25	5.00
HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES:		
Town Roads	658.10	600.00
Snow	776.71	800.00
LIBRARIES:		
Libraries	12.00	12.00

CHARITIES:

Town Poor and Old Age Ass't	256.37	250.00
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PATRIOTIC PURPOSES:

Memorial Day	15.44	40.00
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PUBLIC SERVICE ENTERPRISES:

Cemeteries	117.65	75.00
Payment on Community Bldg.	88.00	88.00
Interest on Note	112.90	100.00
Town Road Aid	35.00	

Payments to Other Governmental Divisions

County Tax	192.96	200.00
Payments to School District	1,369.48	1,725.00

TOTAL ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES		\$4,785.00
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INVENTORY OF THE TOWN OF BENTON

April 1, 1943

Land and Buildings	\$ 69,520.00
Electric Plants	30,990.00
Horses (23	3,375.00
Cows (134	12,050.00
Oxen (2)	175.00
Neat Stock (7)	615.00
Wood and Lumber	818.00
Gasoline Pumps and Tanks	200.00
Stock in Trade	355.00
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	\$118,098.00

Polls (81) @ \$2.00	\$162.00
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Amount of Taxes to be committed to Collector including Polls and Property	\$ 4,059.23
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Average Rate percent of taxation for all purposes	\$ 3.30
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1942 Valuation	\$ 124,470.98
1943 Valuation	118,098.00
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1943 Decrease	\$ 6,372.98

STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND TAXES
ASSESSED 1943, TOWN OF BENTON

Town Officers' Salaries	\$ 380.00
Town Officers' Expenses	260.00
Election and Registration	50.00
Town Hall	100.00
Police Department	10.00
Health Department	5.00
Vital Statistics	5.00
Town Road Aid	206.42
Town Maintenance	550.00
Flood Damage	955.65
Snow Removal	700.00
White Mts. Regional Membership	15.00
Libraries	12.00
Old Age Assistance	100.00
Town Poor	100.00
Memorial Day	20.00
Cemeteries	50.00
Interest	32.00
Payments on Principal of Debt	88.00
County Tax	192.96
School Tax	1,525.00

TOTAL TOWN AND SCHOOL	
APPROPRIATIONS	\$ 5,357.03

Less Estimated Revenue and Credits:

Interest and Dividend Tax	\$ 13.80
Railroad Tax	13.00
Savings Bank Tax	9.00
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	85.00
Reimbursement a-c State and Federal Land	1,002.11
Town Road Aid	165.14
Interest on Taxes	40.00
Trust Funds	124.00

\$1,452.05

Total Appropriations

Total Town and School Appropriations	\$ 5,307.03
Less Estimated Revenue and Credits	1,453.05

Total	\$ 3,904.98
Plus overlay	154.25

Net amount to be raised by Taxation	\$ 4,059.23
Less Poll Taxes	162.00

Amount to be raised by Property Tax, on which Town Tax Rate is figured	\$ 3,897.23
Taxes to be committed to Collector	
Property Taxes	\$ 3,897.23
Poll Taxes	162.00

Total Tax to be committed to Collector	\$ 4,059.23
Tax Rate	\$3.30

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

Community Building	\$ 5,000.00
Furniture and Equipment	1,000.00
Town Clerk's Building	200.00
Furniture and Equipment	50.00
Highway Equipment including Road	
Machine, Snow Plow and Wing	445.00
Town Safe	50.00
Total	<hr/> \$ 6,745.00
Property Deeded to Town by Tax Deed	\$ 350.00

Financial Report

of the Town of Benton

For The Year Ending January 31, 1944



	BALANCE
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ASSETS	
Cash:	
In hands of treasurer	\$ 1,194.99
Accounts Due to the Town:	
Due from State—	
Bounties	46.40
Estimate Forest Reserve	250.00
Reimbursement a-c Federal Forest Lands	700.00
Note	89.00
Taxes bought by Town:	
Taxes bought by Town	76.13
Unredeemed Taxes:	
Levy of 1943 property and polls	467.92
Levy of 1942 property and polls	82.89
Levy of 1941 property and polls	54.25
Levy of 1940 property and polls	44.46
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Total Assets	\$ 3,006.04
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Grand Total	\$ 3,006.04
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Surplus, January 31, 1943	168.86
Surplus, January 31, 1944	\$ 766.32
Decrease of Surplus	\$ 597.46

The State money was also not received at settling date.

SHEET**January 31, 1944****LIABILITIES****Accounts Owed by Town:**

Building Note	\$ 704.00
Bank Notes	1,300.00

Due to School District:

Dog Licenses unpaid	0.00
Balance of Appropriation	235.72

Total Liabilities	\$2,239.72
Excess of assets over liabilities	766.32

Grand Total	\$3,006.04
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The 1943 Forest Reserve will be divided with the School as soon as received.

If the State reimbursement and Forest Reserve had been received at settling date the bank notes could have been reduced somewhat.

STATEMENT OF RELIEF PROGRAM
OLD AGE ASSISTANCE:

Mr. Charles Blake	\$ 70.13
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TOWN POOR:

Board for Mrs. Lulu Collins	85.00
Groceries for Mrs. Lulu Collins	10.24
Dr. Dearborn for Mrs. Lulu Collins	55.00
Grafton Co. Hospital for Mrs. Lulu Collins	36.00

Total	\$ 256.37
Mrs. Lulu Collins	\$ 186.24
Charles Blake, Old Age Ass't	70.13

Total	\$ 256.37
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ETHEL A. BOUTIN, Overseer.

REPORT OF TOWN TREASURER

MARGARET E. ELLIOTT

Received from the State of New Hampshire:

Bounties	\$ 18.80
National Forest Reserve	288.96
Reimbursement from forest lands	761.41
Forest Fire Bill	7.60
Reimbursement T. R. A. money	36.96
Savings Bank Tax	6.62
Railroad Tax	12.27
Interest and Dividend Tax	13.76

\$1,146.38

Received from Floyd Hutchins:

1942 Dog Tax	6.00
1943 Dog Tax	62.00
1943 Motor Vehicle Tax	108.19
Refund from overpayment in 1942	6.00

\$182.19

From Trust Funds:

For Cemeteries	60.05
For Highways	57.00

\$117.05

Received from Ira Elliott, Collector:

1942 Property Taxes	306.73
1942 Property Taxes bought by Town	58.42
1942 Interest	19.65
1942 Cost	22.10
1942 Poll Taxes	26.00
1941 Poll Tax	2.00
1943 Property Taxes	3,482.73

Abatement on 1943 Property Tax	16.50
1943 Interest	4.17
1943 Poll Taxes	106.00
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	\$4,044.35
Received from Woodsville Bank:	
Notes	800.00
Received from Joseph Watson:	
Lot in Mountain View Cemetery	20.00
Received from Alice B. Tyler:	
Lot in Mountain View Cemetery	5.00
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Receipts for 1943	\$ 6,314.97
Balance February 1, 1943	317.57
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Total Receipts	\$ 6,632.54
Less orders paid	5,437.55
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Cash on hand February 1, 1944	\$1,194.99
MARGARET E. ELLIOTT, Town Treas.	

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TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

LEVY 1943:

Taxes Committed to Collector:

Property Taxes	\$ 3,897.20
Poll Taxes	162.00
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Total Warrant	\$ 4,059.20

Added Poll Taxes	14.00
1943 Interest	4.17
Total Debits	\$ 4 077.37
Total Remittance to Treasurer	\$ 3,592.95
Abatements	16.50
Uncollected Taxes, Property and Polls	467.92
Total Credits	\$ 4,077.37
LEVY 1942:	
Uncollected Taxes, February 1, 1943	\$ 334.62
Collected fiscal year	281.73
Uncollected January 31, 1944	52.89
1942 Interest Collected	14.74
LEVY 1941:	
Uncollected	52.25
LEVY 1940:	
Uncollected	50.46
LEVY 1939:	
Uncollected	36.52
COLLECTED:	
1942 Interest	\$ 19.65
1943 Interest	4.17
1941 Poll Taxes	2.00
1942 Poll Taxes	26.00
1943 Poll Taxes	106.00
UNCOLLECTED:	
1940 Polls	16.00
1941 Polls	16.00
1942 Polls	30.00
1943 Polls	70.00

I hereby certify that the above collections are correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

IRA E. ELLIOTT, Tax Collector.

Receipts and Payments

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Detailed Payments

RECEIPTS AND

RECEIPTS

Current Revenue:

From Local Taxes:

Total taxes committed to collector	\$ 3,897.20
Less uncollected	414.42
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Property Taxes actually collected	\$ 3,482.78
1943 Poll Taxes actually collected	106.00
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Total of current year's collections	\$ 3,588.78

Property and Poll Taxes of previous

year, 1942	\$ 306.73
Interest on 1942-1943 taxes	23.82
Costs on 1942	22.10
Taxes bought by Town	58.42
1941 Poll Taxes	2.00
1942 Poll Taxes	26.00
Abatements, 1943	16.50

From State:

Bounties, 1943	\$ 18.80
Railroad Tax	12.27
Savings Bank Tax	6.62
Interest and Dividend Tax	13.76

Total Current Revenue Receipts

(Carried forward to page 22) \$4,095.81

PAYMENTS **Year Ending January 31, 1944**

PAYMENTS**Current Maintenance Expenses:****General Government:****Detail**

1. Town Officers' Salaries	\$ 341.10
2. Town Officers' Expenses	231.95
3. Election and Registration	38.00
4. Town Hall	88.00

Protection of Persons and Property:

5. Police Department	5.00
6. Fire Department	15.20
7. Bounties	46.40

Health Department:

8. Health Officer	5.00
9. Vital Statistics	4.25

Highways and Bridges:

10. Snow Removal	776.71
11. Town Road	623.10
12. T. R. A. Included	35.00
13. To State T. R. A.	41.28

Libraries:

14. Librarian	12.00
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Town Poor Charities:

15. Town Poor and Old Age Assistance	256.37
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Total Current Payments

(Carried forward to page 23) \$2,520.36

RECEIPTS AND

Total Current Revenue Receipts

(Brought forward from page 20)	\$4,095.81
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1942 Forest Reserve	\$ 288.96
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Reimbursement from Forest Lands,	
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House Bill 65	761.41
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Forest Fire bill	7.60
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T. R. A. Reimbursement	36.96
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Trustees of Trust Funds:

Highways	\$ 60.05
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Cemeteries	57.00
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From Local Sources Except Taxes:

1943 Motor Tax	\$ 108.19
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1942 Dog Tax	6.00
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1943 Dog Tax	62.00
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Refund, Overpayment from Town Clerk	6.00
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Joseph Watson Lot in Mountain View Cemetery	20.00
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Alice Tyler Lot in Mountain View Cemetery	5.00
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Woodsville Bank Notes	800.00
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Total Receipts	\$6,314.97
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Cash on hand January 31, 1943	317.57
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Grand Total	\$6,632.54
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PAYMENTS

Year Ending January 31, 1944

Total Current Payments

(Brought forward from page 21) \$2,520.36

Detail:

Patriotic Purposes:

16. Memorial Day	\$ 15.44
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Cemeteries:

17. Cemeteries	117.65
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Unclassified:

18. White Mountain Region	15.00
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19. Taxes bought by Town	76.13
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20. Abatements	16.50
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Town Property, Upkeep:

21. Fence, Cochrane Place	8.00
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22. Payments on Notes and Interest	112.90
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23. Note Payments	700.00
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24. Community Building Note	88.00
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Payments to Other Governmental Divisions:

25. County Tax	192.96
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26. Schools, from Appropriation	1,369.48
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27. Dog Money	68.00
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28. Back Balance Due Schools	138.13
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Total Payments	\$5,437.55
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Cash on hand January 31, 1944	1,194.99
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Grand Total	\$6,632.54
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DETAIL STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS

General Government :

Detail No 1, Town Officers' Salaries

Ethel A. Boutin, Auditor	\$ 8.00
Charles H. Tyler, Selectman, settling '42 acct's	16.00
George Crowe, Selectman	67.50
John G. Elliott, Selectman (R)	14.00
Charles H. Tyler, Selectman	50.00
William Prue, Selectman	4.00
Alfred Mardin, Selectman	39.00
Floyd Hutchins, Town Clerk	35.00
Floyd Hutchins, Dog Fees	5.60
Floyd Hutchins, motor fees	11.00
Margaret Elliott, Treasurer	35.00
Ira Elliott, Tax Collector	50.00
Ira Elliott, Collector's Fees	6.00

\$341.10

Total Town Officers' Salaries	\$341.10
Appropriation	\$380.00

Detail No 2, Town Officers' Expenses

Woodsville Publishing Co., Town Reports	\$ 107.72
George Crowe, postage and phone	7.76
C. H. Tyler, Selectman	2.57
John Elliott, Selectman (R) car	7.14
William Prue, Selectman, car	6.00
Alfred Mardin, Selectman, car, phone, paper	8.82
Margaret Elliott, Treasurer, postage	3.95
Ira Elliott, Tax Collector, postage	3.05
Ira Elliott, Tax Sale adv. and car	12.72
Floyd Hutchins, Clerk, postage	3.00
Floyd Hutchins, Trustee, car and dinner	4.70
Brown and Saltmarsh, Town supplies	20.90
Fred J. Shores, Deeds and transfer work	4.72

Luigi Castello, name transfer	.10
F. P. Dearth Agency, Bonds	20.00
Chamberlin's Greenhouses, Flowers for deceased, Collins, Morse, Tyler	14.00
Lisbon Bank, Rent of Trustees' box	4.80
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	\$231.95

Total Town Officers' Expenses	\$231.95
Appropriation	\$260.00

Detail No. 3, Election and Registration

Charles C Tyler, (deceased), Supervisor	\$8.00
Ethel A. Boutin, Supervisor	10.00
Napoleon Burke, Supervisor	12.00
Chester Elliott, (A)	4.00
Ira Elliott, Moderator	4.00
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\$38.00

Total	\$38.00
Appropriation	\$50.00

Detail No. 4, Community Building, Care & Supplies

William Prue, wood	\$54.00
Ira Elliott, hauling wood	12.00
Howard Tyler, janitor	14.00
Howard Tyler, labor on wood	8.00
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\$88.00

Total	\$ 88.00
Appropriation	\$100.00

Detail No. 5, Protection of Persons and Property

Ira Elliott, Constable	\$5.00
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Total	\$ 5.00
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Appropriation	\$10.00
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Detail No. 6, Fire Department

Fire meeting	\$15.20
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Total	\$15.20
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Appropriation	\$10.00
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Detail No. 7, Bounties

Bounties	\$46.40
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Detail No. 8, Health Department

John Boutin, Health officer	\$5.00
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Total	\$5.00
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Appropriation	\$5.00
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Detail No. 9, Vital Statistics

Floyd Hutchins, 5 deaths, 2 births, 1 marriage	\$4.25
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Total	\$4.25
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Appropriation	\$5.00
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Detail No. 10, Snow Removal

Joseph Boutin, Jr.	\$444.50
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Joseph Boutin, Sr.	8.50
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Napoleon Burke	3.50
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Ira Elliott,	4.00
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Floyd Hutchins	29.00
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Joseph Boutin Jr.	35.10
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Albert Boutin	14.50
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Forrest Pike	18.00
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John Boutin Sr.	59.10
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John Boutin Jr.	13.00
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Arthur Delaney	4.00
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Joseph Boutin 3rd.	2.00
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Alfred Mardin	4.00
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Clinton Hill	2.00
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Joseph Wheeler	6.50
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William Prue	49.90
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Joseph Prue	1.00
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William Ctates	1.00
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Ernest Coates	5.00
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Joseph Boutin Jr., sand	68.30
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Woodsville Hardware Co., Supplies	3.81
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	\$776.71
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Total	\$776.71
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Appropriation	\$700.00
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Detail No. 11, Town Road

Joseph Boutin Jr.	\$48.50
Joseph Boutin Jr.	42.40
Joseph Boutin Jr.	47.10
Joseph Boutin Jr.	15.20
Joseph Boutin Jr.	21.60
Joseph Boutin Jr.	63.80
Joseph Boutin Jr.	56.00
Joseph Boutin Jr.	41.60
Joseph Boutin Jr.	15.20
Joseph Boutin Jr.	17.20
Joseph Boutin Jr.	19.20
Joseph Boutin Jr.	30.40
Joseph Boutin Jr.	17.20
Joseph Boutin Jr.	33.80
Joseph Boutin Jr.	20.40
Joseph Boutin Jr.	24.60
Joseph Boutin Jr.	62.00
Joseph Boutin Jr.	7.00
Joseph Boutin Jr.	16.00
Joseph Boutin Jr.	7.60
Joseph Boutin Jr.	7.60
Joseph Boutin Jr.	8.70

\$623.10

Total Town Road Work, expended \$623.10

Appropriation \$550.00

Detail No. 12, T. R. A.

Joseph Boutin Jr.	\$ 8.00
Joseph Boutin Jr.	21.00
William Crowe	4.00
Paul Boutin	2.00

\$35.00

Detail No. 13

To State T. R. A. \$ 41.28

Total \$ 41.28

T. R. A. Appropriation \$206.42

Detail No. 14, Libraries

Margaret E. Elliott, Librarian	\$ 12.00
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Detail No. 15, Town Poor and Old Age Assistance

Town Poor, Lula Collins (deceased)	\$186.24
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Old age assistance, Mr. Charles Blake	70.12
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\$256.37

Total	\$256.37
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Appropriation	\$100.00
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Detail No. 16, Patriotic Purposes

Ira Elliott, Memorial Day dinner supplies	\$15.44
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Detail No. 17, Public Service Enterprises**Cemeteries:**

Charles C. Tyler, (deceased), labor	\$ 55.50
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William Prue, labor	10.00
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George Crowe, labor	11.15
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Ira Elliott, labor	41.00
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\$117.65

Total	\$117.65
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Appropriation	\$ 50.00
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\$60.05 was received from Trust Funds

Detail No. 18, White Mountains Region Ass'n.

White Mountains Region Association	\$ 15.00
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Total	\$ 15.00
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Appropriation	\$ 15.00
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Detail No. 19, Unclassified

Taxes bought by Town including Interest	\$76.13
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Detail No. 20, Abatement of Taxes

Abatement of Taxes	\$ 16.50
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Detail No. 21, Town Property Upkeep

John Boutin, fence around Cochrane place	\$ 8.00
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Detail No. 22, Interest on Notes

Interest	\$112.90
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Detail No. 23, Payments on Notes

Payments on Notes	\$700.00
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Detail No. 24, Community Building Notes

Community Building Notes	\$ 88.00
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Detail No. 25, Payments to Governmental Divisions

County Tax	\$192.96
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Total	\$192.96
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Appropriation	\$192.96
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Detail No. 26, School District

To Treasurer of Schools	\$1,575.61
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Total	\$1,575.61
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Appropriation	\$1,525.00
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Of this amount paid to schools \$138.13

was paid on back due accounts and

\$68.00 was dog tax

Total to Governmental Divisions	\$1,768.57
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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE, Highway Dept.

December 22, 1943.

Town of Benton: In the T. R. A. Account for the year 1943 there is a balance of \$147.85 in the State's share, plus \$36.96 in the Town's share.

If the town wishes to carry the balance over to be used in 1944 the same should be shown in the town books and annual report.

What Do You Wish To Be Done With The Town's Bal?

Please indicate by crossing out the statement below which does not apply and returning this letter signed by two or more Selectmen.

F. A. BROWN, Div. Engineer.

We wish the Town's balance to be carried over to be used in the next year's account with the state's balance.

ALFRED W. MARDIN

CHARLES H. TYLER

Selectmen.

TRUSTEES REPORT OF TRUST FUNDS

For the Period ending January 31, 1944

The following is our annual report of all Trust Funds.

Received of Ira Whitcher Fund, interest on
\$500.00 U. S. Treasury Loan for Cemetery \$13.75

Bal. Jan. 31, 1943 10.91

\$24.66

For Cemetery \$13.00

Bal. Jan. 31, 1944 11.66

\$24.66

Received from Whitcher and Mann Fund, interest
on \$500.00 U. S. Treasury Loan for care of lot. Bal-
ance if any for School and Highways \$13.75

\$13.75

Care of lot \$ 9.75

For School 2.00

For Highways 2.00

\$13.75

Received from Whitcher and Mann Fund, interest
on \$1,000.00 U. S. Treasury Loan for Cemetery, Bal-
ance, if any, for School and Highways \$27.50

\$27.50

For Cemetery \$17.50

For School 5.00

For Highways 5.00

\$27.50

Received from Whitcher and Mann Fund, interest
on \$1,500.00 and \$250.00 U. S. Treasury Loans for
School \$50.00

\$50.00

To Benton School District \$50.00

Received from Whitcher and Mann Fund, interest
on \$1,500.00 and \$250.00 U. S. Treasury Loans for
Highways \$50.00

To Town of Benton for Highways \$50.00

Received from Ella Mann Fund, interest on
\$50.00 deposited Lisbon Savings Bank & Trust Co.

\$1.00

Bal. Jan. 31, 1943 1.16

\$2.16

Care of lot \$1.00

Bal. Jan. 31, 1944 1.16

\$2.16

Received from George H. Clark Fund, interest on
\$200.00 deposited Lisbon Savings Bank & Trust Co.

\$3.30

Bal. Jan. 31, 1943 16.30

\$19.60

Care of lot 3.30

Bal. Jan. 31, 1944 16.30

\$19.60

Received from William T. Torsey Fund, interest
on \$50.00 deposited Lisbon Savings Bank & Trust Co.

\$.84
Bal. Jan. 31, 1943 .83

\$ 1.72

Care of Lot \$.50

Bal. Jan. 31, 1944 1.22

\$ 1.72

Received from Samuel C. Annis Fund, interest
on \$50.00 deposited Lisbon Savings Bank & Trust Co.

\$.84
Bal. Jan. 31, 1943 .88

\$ 1.72

Care of Lot \$.50

Bal. Jan. 31, 1944 1.22

\$ 1.72

Received from Jonathan Davis Fund, interest
on \$50.00 deposited Lisbon Savings Bank & Trust Co.

\$.84
Bal. Jan. 31, 1943 .88

\$ 1.72

Care of Lot \$.50

Bal. Jan. 31, 1944 1.22

\$ 1.72

Received from J. C. Speed Fund, interest on
\$134.71 deposited Lisbon Savings Bank & Trust Co.

\$ 2.29

Bal. Jan. 31, 1943 12.03

\$14.32

Care of Lot \$ 2.00

Bal. Jan. 31, 1944 12.32

\$14.32

Received from Samuel Whitcher and Wm. Kendall Fund, interest on \$200.00 deposited Lisbon Savings Bank & Trust Co.

\$ 3.30

Bal. Jan. 31, 1943 17.12

\$20.42

Care of Lot \$ 3.00

Bal. Jan. 31, 1944 17.42

\$20.42

Received from Kendrick L. Howe Fund, interest on \$50.00 deposited Lisbon Savings Bank & Trust Co.

\$1.00

Bal. Jan. 31, 1943 1.02

\$2.02

Care of lot \$1.00

Bal. Jan. 31, 1944 1.02

\$2.02

Received from Daniel M. and Kendrick L. Howe
Fund, interest on \$100.00 deposited Lisbon Savings
Bank & Trust Co. \$ 2.01

Bal. Jan. 31, 1943 .29

\$ 2.30

Care of lot \$2.00

Bal. Jan. 31, 1944 .30

\$ 2.30

Received from Isabella M. Tyler Fund, interest
on \$50.00 deposited Lisbon Savings Bank & Trust Co.

\$1.00

Bal. Jan. 31, 1943 .22

\$1.22

Care of lot \$1.00

Bal. Jan. 31, 1944 .22

\$1.22

Received from L. H. Parker Fund, rent of Ceme-
tery Field \$5.00

\$5.00

Care of lot \$5.00

Total amount received from Trust Funds for the
year ending January 31, 1943.

Bal. Jan. 31, 1944 61.69

\$238.11

Paid for care of cemetery lots, for repairing and beautifying Mountain View Cemetery	\$ 60.05
Paid Benton School District	57.00
Paid Town of Benton for Maintenance of Highways	57.00
Balance deposited on check account, Lisbon Savings Bank & Trust Co.	64.06
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	\$238.11

NAPOLEON BURKE,
FLOYD J. HUTCHINS,
ARTHUR E. DELANEY,
Trustees of Trust Funds.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

Year Ending January 31, 1944

Books in Library January 31, 1944	886
Books added by State	4
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Total Books Now	870
Books loaned in 1943	120
Books in Library January 31, 1944	863
Books in circulation	7
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Total number of books	870

MARGARET E. ELLIOTT, Librarian.

REPORT OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Cash on Hand January 31, 1944	\$ 66.92
Interest for 1943 has not been added.	

MILDRED A. ELLIOTT,
FRANCES J. MARDIN,
Library Trustees.

AUDITOR'S REPORT

Having examined the accounts of the Selectmen, Town Clerk, Tax Collector, Treasurer, Road Agent, Trustees of Trust Funds, and Library Trustees, I find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

ETHEL A. BOUTIN,
Town Auditor.

February 4th, 1944

DANCE REVENUE REPORT
For The Year Ending January 31st, 1944

Total receipts from dances	\$ 16.03
Balance on hand January 31, 1943	117.29
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	\$133.32
Payments	
For janitor service	\$ 65.00
Curtain for stage	9.00
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	\$ 74.00
Balance January 31st, 1944	59.32
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	\$133.32

FLOYD J. HUTCHINS,
Treasurer of Dance Revenue.

Benton School Report

DISTRICT OFFICERS

School Board

Mrs. Ethel Boutin, Chairman	Term expires 1944
Mrs. Alexzina Boutin,	Term expires 1945
Floyd Hutchins,	Term expires 1946

Other District Officers

Charles H. Tyler	Treasurer
Mrs. Frances Mardin	Auditor
Mrs. Ethel Boutin	Clerk
Ira A. Elliott	Moderator
Ronald A. Perham	Superintendent of Schools
Arthur Delaney	Truant Officer

CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that the information contained in this report was taken from the official records and is complete and correct to the best of our knowledge and belief.

RONALD A. PERHAM Superintendent of Schools

ETHEL BOUTIN,
ALEXZINA BOUTIN,
FLOYD HUTCHINS,

February 1, 1944

School Board

WARRANT FOR SCHOOL MEETING**The State of New Hampshire**

To the Inhabitants of the School District in the Town of Benton qualified to vote in district affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the School and Community Building in said district in the 14th day of March, 1944, at two o'clock in the afternoon to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose a Moderator for the coming year.
2. To choose a Clerk for the ensuing year.
3. To choose a Member of the School Board for the ensuing three years.
4. To choose a Treasurer for the ensuing year.
5. To determine and appoint the salaries of the School Board and Truant Officer, and fix the compensation of any other officers or agents of the District.
6. To hear the reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees or officers heretofore chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.
7. To choose Agents, Auditors and Committees in relation to any subject embraced in this Warrant.
8. To see if the District will vote to make any alteration in the amount of money required to be assessed for the ensuing year for the support of public schools and the payment of the statutory obligations of the District, as determined by the School Board in its annual report.
9. To transact any other business which may legally come before the meeting.

ETHEL BOUTIN,
ALEXZINA BOUTIN,
FLOYD HUTCHINS,

School Board.

RECEIPTS 1942—1943

State and Federal Aid:

Equalization fund for elementary	
school (from state)	\$ 1,017.95
Federal Forest Reserve	144.48
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Total	\$1,162.43

Income from Local Taxation:

(Raised by Selectmen)	
For support of elementary	
and high schools 1942-43	\$1,425.00
Bal. of previous appropriation	365.00
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Total	\$1,790.00

Income from Other Sources:

Income from local trust	
funds, 1942	\$ 57.00
Dog licenses	40.00
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Total	\$ 97.00

Total Receipts From All Sources	\$3,049 43
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Cash on Hand at Beginning of
Year, July 1, 1942

67.85

GRAND TOTAL	<hr/> \$3,117.28
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 PAYMENTS 1942—1943

Administration		
Salaries of district officers	\$	40.00
Superintendent's excess salary		38.64
Truant officers and census		5.00
Expenses of administration		14.61
Instruction		
Teacher's salary		865.00
Textbooks		27.22
Scholars' supplies		39.65
Other expenses of instruction		2.76
Operation and Maintenance		
Janitor service		100.00
Fuel		94.75
Water, light, janitor's supplies		43.37
Minor repairs and expenses		70.63
Auxiliary Agencies		
Medical inspection		29.85
Transportation of pupils		545.95
High school tuition		226.97
Elementary school tuition		236.00
Other special activities		3.50
Fixed Charges		
Tax for state-wide supervision		60.00
Insurance and other fixed charges		57.50
Outlay for Construction and Equipment		
Lands and new buildings		71.26
New equipment		97.94
Debt, Interest and Other Charges		
Payment on Principal of debt		240.00
Payment on interest of debt		88.97
Payments of bills from previous years		24.00
Total Payments For All Purposes		\$3,025.62
Cash on Hand at End of Year		
June 30, 1943		91.66
GRAND TOTAL	\$3,117.28	—————

BALANCE SHEET

ASSETS**June 30, 1943****Cash on hand:**

Balance June 30, 1943	\$ 91.66
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Accounts due to district :

From town	138.13
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Total Assets	\$ 229.79
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Excess of Liabilities over Assets	1,935.21
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GRAND TOTAL	\$2,165.00
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LIABILITIES**June 30, 1943**

Accounts owed by district:

Victory tax	\$ 5.00
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Notes outstanding	2,160.00
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Total Liabilities	\$2,165.00
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Excess of Assets over Liabilities	0.00
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GRAND TOTAL	\$2,165.00
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ANNUAL REPORT OF DISTRICT TREASURER**Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1943****School District of Benton****SUMMARY**

Cash on hand, June 30, 1942	\$ 67.85
Received from Selectmen:	
Appropriation for current year	1,423.00
Balance of previous appropriation	365.00
Dog tax	40.00
Income from trust funds	57.00
Received from State Treasurer:	
State aid	1,017.95
Received from all other sources	144.48
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	\$3,049.43
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Total Amount Available For Fiscal Year	
(Balance and Receipts)	\$3,117.28
Less School Board's Orders Paid	3,025.62
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Balance on hand as of June 30, 1943	
(Treasurer's Bank Balance)	\$ 91.66
CHARLES H. TYLER,	
July 10, 1943	District Treasurer.

AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that I have examined the books and other financial records of the school board of Benton, of which this is a true summary for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1943, and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

July 15, 1943

FRANCES MARDIN, Auditor.

SCHOOL BOARD'S ESTIMATE FOR 1944—1945

School Board's statements of amounts required to support public schools and meet other statutory obligations of the district for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1944.

Detailed Statement of Estimated Expenditures

Support of Schools:

Teachers' salaries	\$ 1,100.00
Textbooks	25.00
Scholars' supplies	30.00
Flags and appurtenances	5.00
Other expenses of instruction	5.00
Janitor service	102.50
Fuel	120.00
Water, light, janitor's supplies	28.00
Minor repairs and expenses	55.00
Health supervision and medical inspection	30.00
Transportation of pupils	300.00
Payment of elementary tuitions	144.00
Other special activities	5.00
	\$1,944.50

Other Statutory Requirements:

Salaries of District Officers (fixed by district)	\$ 36.00
Truant Officer and School census (fixed by district)	10.00
Payment of tuition in high schools and academies (estimated by board)	360.00

Superintendent's excess salary (fixed by supervisory union)	38.64
Per capita tax (reported by State Treasurer)	56.00
Payment of principal of debt	240.00
Payment of interest on debt	67.20
Other obligations	83.75
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	\$891.59
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Total Amount Required to Meet School Board's Budget	\$2,836.09

Estimated Income of District

Balance, June 30, 1944	\$ 200.00
State Aid, December 1944 allotment	900.00
Dog Taxes	50.00
Income from trust funds	57.00
Federal Forest Reserve	75.00
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Deduct Total Estimated Income (Not raised by Taxation)	\$1,282.00
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Assessment Required to Balance	\$1,554.09

We recommend that the District raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,575.00 for the ensuing year.

Respectfully submitted,
 ETHEL BOUTIN,
 ALEXZINA BOUTIN,
 FLOYD HUTCHINS,

School Board.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

To the School Board and Citizens of Benton:

I herewith present my first annual report as superintendent of your schools.

The total enrollment for the school in 1942-1943 was 16. The average membership 13.27. The percent of attendance 93.10% and the number of tardinesses were 8. There were four pupils attending Haverhill Academy. There were two elementary pupils at East Haverhill, three at Haverhill Corner and two at Glencliff.

This year the total enrollment is 10.

There is one pupil attending Haverhill Academy and ten pupils attending an elementary school outside the district.

Mrs. Katie Paige of Groton, Vermont is teaching your school this year. Mrs. Paige is an experienced teacher; she understands the problems of a rural community; she has taught fundamentals well and in addition she has done valuable work in Home Economics and Agriculture. We are fortunate not to have to change teachers in the middle of the year. We hope to retain the services of Mrs. Paige for another year.

The spring was cemented and covered. This will result in a purer and better water supply.

Respectfully submitted,

RONALD A. PERHAM,

Superintendent.

VITAL STATISTICS

Births Registered in the Town of Benton, N. H.

For The Year Ending January 31, 1944

Robert Eli Boutin, born at Benton, N. H. August 30th, 1943, first child, male, living, white; name of father, John Boutin Jr., occupation, farm laborer, birthplace, Lisbon, N. H.; maiden name of mother, Iona V. Mason, birthplace, Bath, N. H. Residence of parents, Benton, N. H.

Ira Bruce Elliott, born at Benton, N. H., September 11th, 1943, fourth child, male, living, white; name of father, Benjamin L. Elliott, occupation, bobbin mill worker, birthplace, Benton, N. H.; maiden name of mother, Helen G. Lombard, birthplace, Burlington, Vt. Residence of parents, Glencliff, N. H.

Marriages Registered in the Town of Benton, N. H.

For The Year Ending January 31, 1944

John Boutin Jr. and Iona V. Mason, married at Benton, N. H. August 30th, 1943 by Floyd J. Hutchins Justice of the Peace; residence of groom, Benton, N. H. age, 17 years, single, farm laborer, born at Lisbon, N. H.; father's name, John Boutin Sr.; mother's maiden name, Ethel A. Clough. Residence of bride, Benton, N. H., age, 17 years, occupation, housework, father's name, Clayton A. Mason; mother's maiden name, Lottie May Dodge.

Deaths Registered in the Town of Benton, N. H.

For The Year Ending January 31, 1944

Mary Brown Henderson, died June 11th, 1943; age, 50 years, 10 months, 7 days; born in Ireland, white, married; father's name, Michael Brown; maiden name of mother, Margaret Dowd; cause of death, renal tuberculosis.

Marie Azilda Lagotte, died June 18, 1943; age, 23 years, 12 days; born at Rochester, N. H., white, single; father's name, Mederick Lagotte; maiden name of mother, Angie Brovillard; cause of death, pulmonary tuberculosis.

Clarence W. Boyle, died August 11, 1943; age 23 years, 5 months, 29 days; born at Whitefield, N. H., white, single; father's name, William F. Boyle; maiden name of mother, Annie McMann; cause of death, pulmonary tuberculosis.

Charlie Clark Tyler, died July 8, 1943, age 62 years, 8 months, 12 days; born at Haverhill, N. H.; white, married; father's name, Alfred Elmore Tyler; maiden name of mother, Mary J. Clark; cause of death, coronary occlusion.

Lillian E. Woods, died November 3rd, 1943, age 32 years, 2 months, 1 day; born at Old Town, Maine; white, married; husband's name, Garcia Woods; father's name, Joseph F. Mishou; maiden name of mother, Elizabeth Hanscon; cause of death, pulmonary tuberculosis.

Joseph Quincy Henry, died January 25, 1944; age 58 years, 2 months, 14 days; born at South Boston, Mass.; white, married, wife's name, Daisy Goodwin Henry; father's name, John Q. Henry; maiden name of mother, Sarah Thomas; cause of death, pulmonary tuberculosis.



I hereby certify that the foregoing returns are correct to the best of my knowlege and belief.

FLOYD J. HUTCHINS,

Town Clerk.

